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Built in 1770 by the Reverend William Emerson, grandfather of philosopher and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882). Nathaniel Hawthorne, author of "Mosses from an Old Manse," lived here with his bride Sophia from 1842 to 1845. Except for this brief period, The Old Manse was occupied by Mrs. William Emerson and her descendants for 169 years. Purchased in 1939 by The Trustees of Reservations to preserve a significant part of our American heritage.





